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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators
and NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: Howard Leikin 
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SUBJECT: TRRP Edits – Map Panel Numbers

This is to advise you that, after careful consideration, a decision has been made to delay the implementation of the TRRP edits of map panel numbers. This decision is in response to concerns voiced by WYO companies and their vendors, particularly with respect to how unprinted panels would be edited.

The NFIP Map Service Center is developing a file of unprinted map panel data, but at this time, the file is incomplete with respect to dates for the unprinted map panels and their associated flood zones. While this is a small percentage of the total number of panels on file, FIMA does not want to burden the WYO companies with uncorrectable statistical errors.

Reporting of the four-digit map panel number on all new business transactions will continue to be required, as it has been for the past several years, although that data will not be subject to policy edits against the NFIP Community Master File until further notice.

The flood map panel provides information necessary to determine whether or not the insured property is rated in the correct flood zone and is valuable to the NFIP from an actuarial and underwriting standpoint.

TRRP database reports reveal that WYO companies have been lax in reporting valid panel numbers even though it is required and available on their files. We encourage you to collect and report valid panel numbers on all new business transactions, other than those written under the Emergency Program.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact your Program Coordinator.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, and Government Technical Monitor

Suggested Routing: Data Processing, Underwriting, and Marketing